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These folders contain correspondence subject files with Governor Arn, the thirty-second governor of Kansas, serving from January 8, 1951 to January 10, 1955. Some subjects included are flood, flood control and the disaster relief committee. Starting on July 13, 1951, one of the most costly floods in Kansas' history swept down the Kansas River valley into the Missouri River basin. The Kansas River valley had flooded before but not with this magnitude and damage. During the period of July 9-13, some areas in the Kansas River basin received 18.5 inches of rain. The eastern half of the basin averaged 8 inches. T

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22 October 1952

Mr. Wesley Biegert
Route 1
Junction City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Biegert:

Governor Arn is at present out of the city, but asked that I reply to your recent letter to him concerning our flood control problem here in Kansas.

You ask about the dams on Lyon and Clark Creeks. These dams are very tentative right now and are a part of proposed revisions in the plans of the Army Engineers for the Kansas River Basin. They have no status at the present time and there is no immediate prospect of their construction.

I am sure I can safely say that Governor Arn would agree with you in your statement that the place to stop the water is where it falls and has always advocated a program of water conservation and watershed treatment. It may be that some of the larger dams are needed; but where they are, they should be of the dry dam type and not for power. The flat plains country of Kansas is not conducive to power and the intermittent flow of our streams is certainly not conducive to navigation.

The difficulty is that the Federal agencies, the Corps of Army Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation and the Soil Conservation Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture are going off in three different directions and with three separate plans.

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The Governor has discussed this proposition before in testifying before Congress and in statements before the Missouri River Basin Agency and on many other occasions --- that our dire need was the coordination on a Federal level of all of these agencies which have the engineering knowledge of the whole picture. It seems that by putting their knowledge together and using some coordination, they could come up with an overall, comprehensive flood control plan.

Governor Arn has stated many times that such a plan should embrace a definite program of watershed treatment and soil conservation and perhaps where absolutely necessary, the larger dry dam type. The construction of dikes and levees, particularly in urban areas, should be given some attention.

You of course know the Governor has requested an independent survey of the Kaw Valley flood control problem, and it is to be hoped that out of these facts some solution will be found which will be of the most benefit to the most people.

I do not know if I have answered your questions fully or not, but the outline set forth above is in accord with the thinking of Governor Arn.

This office appreciates your interest in this vital problem, and if you have further ideas and suggestions, we would be most happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Ed Chapman, Jr.
Sec'y. to the Governor

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Junction City Kans
Oct. 13, 1952

My Dear Mr. Governor of the State of Ks.
I would like to know more about these big dams & Reservoirs that have been proposed, as I hear about them. Why did Tuttle Creek dam have to go in, when the people are against it, some of the best land in the State of Kansas, around Manhattan. What do you know about the Big dam, on Lyons Creek near Woodbine Kans. also the one on Clarks Creek east of Junction City where about would they be. Where are these people going when they dam up all these creeks & rivers, there just won't any land for sale or rent. The place to stop this water is where it falls, on the hilltop using terraces, ponds, & small dams.

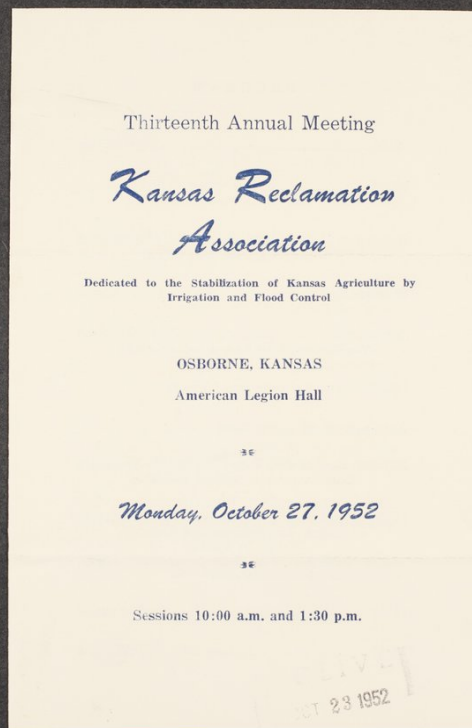
Yours truly
Wesley Diegel R.I.
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P.S.
How do you stand on these
big Plans are you for them or
against them

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PROGRAM

9:30.....Registration

10:00.....Meeting Called to Order
Dr. E. Porter Ahrens, President, presiding

Invocation.....Dr. Howard M. Von Schrittz
Minister, Osborne Methodist Church

Welcome to Osborne.....Mayor L. W. Staton

Response.....Jack Nicholson
Vice-President State Reclamation Association

Introduction of Guests and Visitors

Appointment of Committees

National Reclamation Report...Paul W. Applegate
Kansas Director to National Association

11:00.....Address: Progress and Attainments on
Irrigation Development and Research
Farms in Kansas
R. V. Olson, Head of Agronomy Department, Kansas
State College, Manhattan

11:45.....Adjournment

12:15.....Luncheon, V.F.W. Hall

Music.....O.H.S. Vocal Trio and Vocal Sextette
Leland Crapson, director

1:15.....Osborne High School Marching Band
Leland Crapson, director

1:45.....Address: The Part of Soil Conservation
Service in Irrigation
Fred J. Sykes, State Conservator, Soil Conservation
Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

2:00.....Discussion: The Solomon River Valley
Flood Control Association
Ed Schneider, Glasco, President

2:15.....Address: Col. L. J. Lincoln
District Engineer, U.S. Corps Engineers, Kansas City, Mo.

2:30.....Discussion of Recreational Development
Dave Leahy, Pratt, Director, Forestry, Fish and Game
Commission of Kansas

3:15.....Address: A. A. Batson, Denver, Colo.
Regional Engineer, 7th Region, Bureau of Reclamation,
U.S. Department of the Interior

3:45.....Reports of Committees

General Business and Announcements

Adjournment

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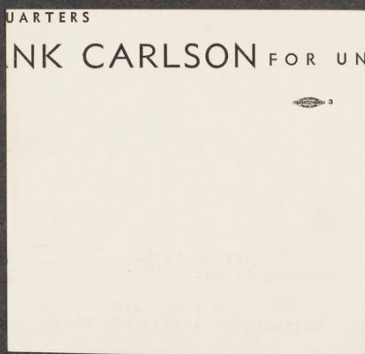
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From The Kansas Reclamation
Association

J. E. Kissell, Secretary
Portis, Kansas

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TOPEKA, KANSAS
27 October 1952

MRS. ETHYLE R. KERR
1233 PEARCE
WICHITA, KANSAS

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EDWARD F. ARN
GOVERNOR
STATE OF KANSAS

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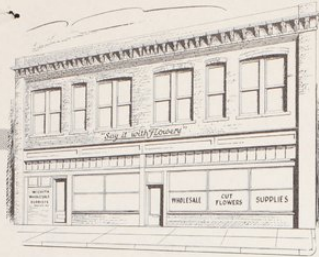
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WICHITA WHOLESALE FLORISTS

"Say it with Flowers"

116 WEST SECOND STREET

Wichita 2, Kansas

October 18, 1952.

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Honorable Governor Edward Arn
Statehouse
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor Arn:

I appreciated very much the nice answer I received from your office to my letter concerning the independent survey which you have ordered.

I notice by our local paper that you have received a report from the engineers on part of this survey. Is this information available now?

I have a report to make to our local League of Women Voters October 28th and I would very much like to have this information if I may.

Would you also tell me your stand on the State legislation which is being presented to the legislature this winter. This is the legislation which is being proposed by the State Chamber of Commerce and the Watershed Assn.

Yours truly,

Ethyle R. Kerr

(Mrs. Chas. E. Kerr)
1236 Pearce
Wichita, Kansas.

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1 October 1952

Ethyle R. Kerr
1233 Pearce
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Kerr:

Thank you for your letter of September 23 to Governor Arn concerning our flood control problem. As you perhaps know, he is out of the office this week on a campaign caravan sponsored by the Sixth District Republican organization, and I am therefore taking the liberty of answering.

Your letter indicates that you and your neighbors have certainly given this problem much consideration and thought and your conclusions in many instances are in agreement with this office. However, the reason Governor Arn requested an independent survey of the watersheds in Kansas was to arrive at an overall picture of the situation, which up to now at least has not been clear.

You of course are aware of the three federal agencies, each with its own Corps of Engineers; each with its own idea about the proper handling of run-off water and each in frequent conflict with the other. Since this situation does exist, and since the problem varies in each of the watersheds in Kansas, Governor Arn's suggestion that an independent, unbiased engineering study be made should produce comprehensive facts and figures with which to view the problem. You realize, I am sure, that interdepartmental jealousy has led to repeated conflict within these various agencies and therefore it seems necessary to endeavor to find the facts.

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I believe I can state of a certainty that Governor Arn has no intention of "playing politics" with farms which have been in the same family for over eighty years; nor is there any intention of impeding a sound program for flood control or land and water use. I am equally certain that he is honest in his intent to find out more about the problem from a reliable, independent and technically sound source.

Again let me congratulate you for your great interest in this problem, and it is to be hoped that results of the survey will be beneficial to all concerned.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Ed Chapman, Jr.
Sec'y. to the Governor

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September 23, 1952
1233 Pearce
Wichita, Kansas.

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Gov. Edward Arn
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor Arn:

A group of my neighbor women and I have been studying and watching flood control in the Missouri and Kansas basins for the last few years. We have undertaken a study of watershed managements of soil and water, also. We have heard you express opinions at various meetings so we have hope that this move to appoint independent engineers is not just another political run-around for the people of the Blue Valley and elsewhere.

The run-around they have been getting in the name of flood control is pitiful. Flights by the President and Senators, cries for flood relief immediately after the flood, surveys by everybody and his dog, and nothing accomplished but a lot of buck-passing and big-dam promoting.

Soil and Water conservation on the farm is a basic need for all the people as Charles Brannon pointed out at Andale Sept. 12. State action and legislation is needed as your Republican platform indicates. We need all our fertile valleys producing, not under water for pleasure, power and profit.

It is high time that the upstream and downstream soil and water management plan is absolutely proved or disproved in Kansas. Whatever your Kansas City, Baltimore and Chicago experts decide, we still need Blue River Valley as a demonstration project. Tuttle Creek Dam will be the open sesame for the entire wasteful plan if it is built. If some of the wasted federal money can somehow be put back into the hands of our local and state governments, maybe Omaha won't have to dump their garbage into the Missouri River.

It is diabolical to play politics with farms that have been in the same family for over eighty years. It is also diabolical to allow the people downstream to believe that these big, expensive dams are their only hope for flood control.

It may be true that an overall planning is needed, but it should be put under a Board of Impartial Analysis such as the Hoover Task Force recommended. Flood control would be no better under the Dept. of the Interior.

We compliment you on this action though we are sorry you waited until election time. We will be waiting with much interest for the result of your impartial survey.

Sincerely,

Thyle R. Kerr

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October 31, 1952

Miss Marie Dunham
842 South Pershing St.,
Wichita 17, Kansas.

Dear Miss Dunham:

Your letter of October 27, 1952, to Governor Edward F. Arn, has been referred to me for reply because of his absence from the office at this time.

As you perhaps know, the relief given to the farmers after our disastrous floods of 1951, was handled primarily by the Production Marketing Association, this being one of the federal agencies. I have been informed that the Secretary of the Dickinson County P. M. A. office is Ruth M. Wilson, 118 N. W. Second Street, Box 153, Abilene, Kansas, Telephone No. 88. I would suggest that you or your father, Mr. E. C. Dunham, seek information from Miss Wilson.

I was also advised that there is a County Committee in each county for the Production Marketing Association, the Chairman of the Dickinson County being Thomas N. Lorson, Hope, Kansas. The other members are Mr. Wes Staatz, Route 1, Junction City, and Mr. Phillip D. Schwarz, Solomon, Kansas. It is quite possible these individuals will be able to offer your father the assistance which you request.

The State Headquarters for the P. M. A. is located in Manhattan, Kansas, the Chairman being Mr. Wendell Beecraft, 1122 Moro Street, Manhattan. I would suggest that you or your father contact the above mentioned individuals for the assistance which you desire in this matter.

Happy to be of service to you, I remain

Yours very truly,

WRG:D

WALTER R. GAGE, JR.,
Assistant Secretary.



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842 South Pershing
Wichita 17, Kans.
Oct. 27, 1952

Gov. Ed Arn
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir:

Wonder if you could give any information on why the flood relief hasn't been paid to the farmers along the river in Dickinson County for the replacing of fence washed out by the flood last year?

They hear that Saline County got theirs, but every time dad (E.C. Dunham, Solomon, Kansas BX 72) goes in to see about it they don't give any reason for it.

The people in the hills held a meeting because some of the



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farmers in the valley were cheating, they were putting back more fence than the flood washed out - the hill farmers received pay for ponds from the government, they needed the ponds and they needed the fence in the valley. It seemed foolish for people to act like they did.

Dad's fence is honest yet he has to suffer because of the greediness of others.

The first year it flooded they borrowed from their insurance policy & from us. They planted Kaffir and got a crop that fall. They had to pay back the loan from their insurance policy and they paid us back. They had enough to tide them over the winter and had a beautiful crop of wheat ^{in the field} then



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the big flood last year took that and almost everything they had, we gave them money and food and an Aunt in Manhattan gave them money. I think they borrowed again from their insurance, the ground was so wet they couldn't get into the field last fall to plant much wheat - so he got 728 bu. wheat this year - and planted the rest to corn in the spring - corn was no good so he sold what he could for green feed and got two, I think, thin cuttings of alfalfa - this fall he's gotten his ground in shape and the wheat sown and there's no rain.

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A son-in-law doesn't provide food for his family like he should so the folks have them to feed, too. Pride keeps them from seeking Charity and they would not go to Red Cross for any help - Dad's making himself sick from worrying and he's getting up there in age to go out to do work by the day - He keeps wishing they'd get a letter in the mail with a check in it. \$81 he should get from, replacing the fence, I think. Yes a Republican and we fear if "Ike" doesn't win the election it won't be so good for America. I'm a Democrat and I'm going to vote Republican. Our own people ought to be taken care of first - I thought

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once of writing to President
Trueman, but when Margret
and Mrs Trueman's pictures
were on the front page of
the morning paper with fur
jackets and cock tail glasses
and other dignitaries, I didn't
think it was any use.

Dad always receives a Xmas
card from the Republican
governors, he's proud of those
cards, but I sometimes wonder
if the governor could come
with that card if they'd
live in such conditions,
maybe they don't know such
conditions exist, the folks
get 37¢ for dz. eggs, and we
pay 73¢ a dz for grade A eggs.

I hope and pray for rain and
that the honest candidates win the election.

Sincerely,
Marie Dunham

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SAVE THE SOIL AND YOU SAVE THE CITIES
Winkler Kans
November 3, 1952

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Gov. Arn
Topeka Kansas

Dear Gov. Arn:

We are enclosing a copy "What Will Happen to Wacanda Springs?", Kansas Farmer Nov. 1, 1952. We wonder, "What is happening to Kansas?". We have a copy of the Corp of Engineers map Dec. 1952 showing 118 dams in the Kansas River Basin 34 are major reservoirs, besides 10 major reservoirs and other additional units in the Marais des Cygne basin.

Would you prefer to be Governor of a State of Kansas that is known as the bread basket of the nation or to be Governor of a State of Kansas with man made mud holes? Kansas didn't become one of the ranking 48 states by having her best land and solid communities used as storage basins.

Have you no Kansas pride, why do you wish to be our Governor if you do not care for the State. Please do not be its Governor only to destroy it.

Very truly

Mrs. Otto Haller Jr.
Mrs. Otto Haller Jr

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*On Dams
Lower
Basin*

14 November 1932

Mrs. Otto Haller, Jr.
Winkler, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Haller:

I am indeed sorry for the delay in answering your recent letter, but as you may well imagine, there was quite an accumulation of correspondence waiting for me upon my return to the office after the election.

I am sure I love this state as much as all the other citizens living here and I have done and am doing all in my power to develop a workable solution to our water problems. Toward that end, of course, I appointed the special survey committee to make a study of our problems and it is to be hoped that from their report will be derived help on this matter.

I appreciate your writing me, and with every good wish,
I am

Sincerely,

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*Little Creek
Dams*

14 November 1952

Miss Bertha Dennett
Wellington, Kansas

Dear Miss Dennett:

Thanks so much for your note of congratulations. I really do appreciate your writing.

I also appreciate having your suggestion for a solution to our water problems, and assure you it will be given consideration.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

GOVERNOR

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Wellington, Kansas, 405 W. Harvey, November 11, 1952

Governor Arn
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir,

Congratulations on the result of the election.

I am writing to protest against taking good farm land to make dams for flood control. In a few years they will fill up with silt.

You might write to Mr. Lynn Burris who has charge of the parks in this city and ask about the silt that has accumulated in the small lake in one of the city parks.

I suggest what I think is a better plan. Have each farmer make a dam according to the number of acres he has farms; also have him put a certain part of his farm in grass. I think a reduction should be made in his taxes for these ^{concessions}.

Yours sincerely,
(Miss) Bertha Dennett

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17 November 1952

Mr. N. T. Veatch
Black & Veatch
4706 Broadway
Kansas City 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Veatch:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Arn, which I wish to acknowledge in his absence. This will be called to his attention upon returning to the office.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Ed Chapman, Jr.
Sec'y. to the Governor

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BLACK & VEATCH
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

TEL. WESTPORT 7474

4706 BROADWAY
KANSAS CITY 2, MISSOURI

November 10, 1952

The Honorable Edward F. Arn
Governor of Kansas
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor Arn:

I have your letter of the 7th regarding the Kansas River Flood Protection Survey and assure you that my associates and I are heartily in accord with the ideas you have expressed regarding the need of finding a practical answer. I also feel sure that we all are quite confident of being able to obtain such an answer.

I am writing the other members of the board today regarding the possibility of meeting with you on December 1. I am certain that unless something makes it absolutely impossible all of us will welcome the opportunity of contact with you. I am particularly hopeful that out of this conference may come at least some pattern of what might be the measures of practicability from the political standpoint.

It nice of you to write us and I hope you will continue to give us any ideas you may have as the work progresses.

Sincerely yours,

N T Veatch
N. T. Veatch

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17 November 1952

Mr. Dick Graham, Executive Sec'y.
Oklahoma State Medical Association
1227 Classen
Oklahoma City 3, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Graham:

Thank you for your letter to Governor Arn, which I am taking the liberty of acknowledging in his absence. I am sure I express his appreciation for your kind congratulations and the other matter discussed in your letter will be called to the Governor's attention upon his return to the office.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Ed Chapman, Jr.
Sec'y. to the Governor

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ALFRED R. SUGG, M.D.
PRESIDENT
ADA

JOHN E. McDONALD, M.D.
PRESIDENT-ELECT
TULSA

LEWIS J. MOORMAN, M.D.
SECRETARY-TREASURER
OKLAHOMA CITY

The Oklahoma State Medical Association

1227 CLASSEN
OKLAHOMA CITY 3, OKLAHOMA

DICK GRAHAM - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

November 10, 1952

JOHN HART - ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Governor Ed Arn
Executive Mansion
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Ed:

Congratulations on your re-election and I presume the Senate is next!

I noted with interest the defeat of Albert Cole and I am wondering, since I know his district, if there were any implications in his defeat with regard to the flood control issue?

You will recall my long distance telephone conversation with you a few months ago on this same subject and the extent to which the promotion of big dams was reacting in a detrimental manner to the public servants in Oklahoma who had been advocating this type of flood control. The reason for that call was because I was afraid that you personally might become a victim of the same set of circumstances.

While I may be incorrect in guessing that part of Representative Cole's trouble was from this source, I can again assure you that after many years of experience here in Oklahoma, the average John Q. Public is seeing the light. Take my advice and stay away from the promotion of big dams. They will bite you in the back and even the Kansas City Star cannot stop them.

Some day if you can find the time, I wish that you would visit with Mr. Elmer Peterson of the Daily Oklahoman who has spoken rather extensively in Kansas against the big dams and who all of us that know him and his background are perfectly confident that he is not only an authority in this field, but is making this crusade in behalf of the economic betterment of the mid-central states.

On the off-chance that you may think Mr. Peterson is an Oklahoman who is sticking his nose into Kansas's business, I would like to tell you that Elmer Peterson is a native Kansan, a graduate of Bethany College at Lindsborg, one of those outstanding alumni who has been selected to head up Bethany College's drive for funds, was one time the managing editor of the Wichita Eagle and was Henry J. Allen's private secretary when he was Governor. In addition to the above, Mr. Peterson owns farm property in Kansas.

With this background I am sure that you can see Mr. Peterson's interest if that of a loyal Kansan. As I said before, if you ever have an opportunity to visit with him, take my advice and do so.

Give Ted and the kids our best regards and tell Ted that the spool bed is raising young Dickie Graham and while it still squeaks a bit, it remains as sturdy as the Republican party in Kansas.

Sincerely yours,

Dick
Dick Graham

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